THE MINISTER OF STATE ON THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The last Inclusion/Amendment in the Central List of Other Backward Classes contained in 116 advices received from National Commission for Backward Classes was carried out vide notification published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I—Section 1 No. 241 dated 27.10.1999.

Revamping of Doordarshan

†*108. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that present structure of the Doordarshan is required to be revamped;

(b) if so, the reasons for which this requirement has been felt;

(c) whether any outline of the proposed structure has been prepared;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when the same is proposed to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) In order to improve the function of Prasar Bharati, of which, Doordarshan is a part, in terms of quality of its services, credibility and professionalism a Committee has been constituted on 22.11.1999 to study the working of Prasar Bharati and make appropriate recommendations in regard to its organizational structure, legal framework, working systems and other relevant areas.

(c) to (e) The Committee has been given a period of three months to submit its report. Further action on its recommendations would be considered thereafter.

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi